



# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mass schedule

### Daily

8:00 am Monday to Saturday\*  
6:00 pm Monday to Friday

### Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:00 pm Vietnamese/English  
6:00 pm English

### Sunday Mass

8:00 am English  
9:30 am English\*  
11:30 am English  
1:00 pm Spanish  
3:00 pm Chinese  
5:00pm English

\* Livestreamed Masses

**Morning Prayer:** Mon, Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am

**Adoration:** Every Friday at 6:30pm

**24 Hour Adoration:** on the 22nd of every month

If the 22nd falls on a Saturday, then Adoration will be on Friday.  
If the 22nd falls on a Sunday, then Adoration will be on Monday.

**Confession:** Saturday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm or by appointment

**Baptisms and Marriages:** contact the office for details

Sacramental preparation and accommodations for people with disabilities: contact Tara in the office



**Welcoming all**, we, the Spirit-filled parish of St. Thomas More, value our Roman Catholic faith by celebrating the sacraments, breaking open the Scriptures, and joyfully offering ourselves in service to others. Under the inspiration of our patron saint, we seek to build a caring community that embraces the values he modeled of friendship, integrity and courageous love of God.

### Pastor

Parochial Vicar  
Chinese Chaplain  
Weekend Assistants

### Deacons

### Founding Pastor

### Rev. Eugene J. Lee

Rev. Thomas Tran  
Rev. Francis Li  
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem  
Rev. Joseph Justice  
Deacon Tin & Mrs. UyenLan Nguyen  
Deacon Leonard & Mrs. Nancy Sun

†Rev. John E. Janze

### Office Information

Office hours:  
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm  
[frontdesk@stmirvine.org](mailto:frontdesk@stmirvine.org)  
Office: 949-551-8601  
After-hours emergency: 949-551-8601 ext. 7  
Fax: 949-551-5879  
Religious Education: 949-551-8029  
Youth Ministry: 949-551-8602  
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# WELCOME to STM!



Antonio Torres Gutierrez

## Prayers for Healing

Racquel Aguinaldo	Ron Merse
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Bob Bowcock	Steven Norris
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Kelly Carter	Jocelyn Pandes
Michael Collins	Ben Pataray
Thomas Conner	Sharon Pataray
Cristina Crouth	Norma Peckson
Paul Curran	Armando Peña
Chaz Decoteau	Ivania Piskulich
Mary Rose Del Mundo	Jacqueline Claire Poznoski
Cristina Dulce	Sandra Quezada
Cecelia Duzynski	Ryan Quinn
Jamael Edwards	George Quitoriano
Chantelle Fausto	A1 & Elizabeth Rangitsch
Ted Fliller	Matilda Reyna
Tony Galati	Maryhelen Rios
Marco Gama	Guadalupe Rivas
Anthony Gaona	Jose Guadalupe Rivera
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Regina Hager	Donna Rohrer
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Drew Hoang	Norma Santiago
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Angela Judy	Richard Stock
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Chris Kasko	Lisa Turner
Tiesha Kelley	Pete Villanueva
Vivian Knisely	Jesus Villanueva
Ashly Leal	Raymund Villanueva
Lauren Leal	Linda Vito
Brielle LeMire	Bill Whiteside
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Joseph Manglona	Joe & Judy Zwetow
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**Young Ladies Grand Institute**

**Christmas See's Candy Fundraising Event**

**Sunday, Dec 14 and Sunday, Dec 21**  
**8:00 am - 2:30 pm**

Available in the courtyard after Mass.  
Cash and checks only. No credit cards.  
Supplies will be limited.

Thank you for supporting our charities, especially the education of seminarians.

*We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas!*

## Mass Intentions

Sat 12/20	4:00pm	†Dominic Vu Huu Chuong & Maria Do Thi Tin
	6:00pm	†Kwanghae Lee
Sun 12/21	8:00am	Charles and Carmen Calaway
	9:30am	†James Huang
	11:30am	Gabriela Jones
		†Patrick Dela Rosa
		†Kayla Alyssa Marquez
		†Fred Marquez
		†Anita Manalili Gearge
		†Joseph and Kim Phan
		†Jaden Ruiz
		†Su T. Pham
		†Geoff Farrell
		†Ben L. Reyes
	3:00pm	†Ping Li Liu
	5:00pm	PRO-POPULO
Mon 12/22	8:00am	Teresa Tran
	6:00pm	†Fran Jones
Tues 12/23	8:00am	†Chau Minh Vu
	6:00pm	†Donald Gross
Wed 12/24	8:00am	Fr. Angelus Echeverry
	4:00pm	Tim and Jennifer Dear
	6:00pm	Josep Vincent Natividad
	8:00pm	†Cuc Vu Dang and Ho Dang
Thurs 12/25	12:00am	Blanca Enit Santillan
	8:00am	Tom & Jacinda Fulcher
	10:00am	†Bibiana Lui
	12:00pm	†Jose and Ignacia Rodriguez
Fri 12/26	8:00am	Steven Tran
	6:00pm	†Gabby Paz
Sat 12/27	8:00am	Scott Sherman
		†Soledad Caringal
		†Jackson Scharff
		†Teresa Nguyen

## Newly Baptized

Mackayla Feliciano

## Collection Report

11/24/2025 – 11/30/2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 26,550.00
Believe & Build, BGT, BGT2	\$ 60,460.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 210.00
Misc Income (Mass Intentions, etc)	\$ 6,066.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 2,837.00

The parish offices will be closed Dec 24 - Jan 1  
In case of emergency, call (949) 551-8601 ext 7



# SEASON of CHRISTMAS



My Dear Parishioners,

As a young child, my parents ensured that we were surrounded by Christian influences. We often listened to catchy Christian children's music. We had a large, fifteen-volume illustrated children's Bible that I remember reading frequently. My mother would often snuggle up on the bed with her three children and read to us. There was also a cassette tape series of dramatized Bible stories that I spent countless hours listening to while in bed.

We went to church camps and events often. My parents had to exercise a tremendous amount of patience as we restlessly squirmed our way through the family rosary, which we prayed weekly until I was old enough to figure out how to rebel. We had a prayer altar that served as the center of our family prayers. Mass was non-negotiable, and my parents made sure that both soccer games and Sunday Mass would happen on any given Sunday, no matter what.

All of this is to say that as we approach Christmas, my thoughts turn to how deeply I love Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church He established. I thank my parents for persevering wisely through all the distractions and resistance to keep us close to Christ. May this season be a time to renew our love for and commitment to Jesus Christ, King of Kings, and Savior of the Universe!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eugène J. Lee  
Pastor



## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

### CHRISTMAS VIGIL

**Wednesday, December 24th**

- 4:00 PM (English)
- 6:00 PM (English)
- 8:00 PM (Vietnamese/English)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Thursday, December 25th**

- 12:00 AM Midnight (English)
- 8:00 AM (English)
- 10:00 AM (English)
- 12:00 PM (Spanish/English)
- 2:00 PM (Chinese/English)



## CELEBRATIONS WITHIN CHRISTMAS

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
**Sunday, December 28th**  
Regular weekend Mass schedule

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> | 6:00 PM and**  
**10:30PM Mass** followed by Silent Countdown to the New Year with Eucharistic Adoration.  
**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> | 9:00 AM**  
No Daily 6:00 PM Mass

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Regular weekend Mass schedule

**Baptism of the Lord**  
**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Regular weekend Mass schedule



## STM CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### Next Classes:

C2– Wed, Jan 7 at 7:00pm  
C1– Wed, Jan 14 at 7:00pm

Follow us



As we prepare to celebrate our 30th Anniversary in 2026, please send us photos you have from our STM history.

Send photos to: [photos@stmirvine.org](mailto:photos@stmirvine.org) or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you!

## R.E.P. CORNER



ATTENTION FAMILIES!!  
"Reason for the Season" Family Event  
Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM

Bring the family and join us in special evening of music, fun, and prayer to prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus at Christmas.

Our TRUE NORTH buddies will be there too!!



### MERRY CHRISTMAS

The REP staff wishes all of our students, teachers and families a happy, holy and joyous Christmas!

Religious Education Classes & the REP Office will be on break for the Christmas holidays from

December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>.  
We look forward to seeing you and your family in the new year!

For any questions, call the REP Office at (949) 551-8029 or email [rep@stmirvine.org](mailto:rep@stmirvine.org).



## STM SFC



Merry Christmas



AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

STM Small Faith Communities





## The Tradition of Picking a Saint

for the New Year involves choosing a patron saint to provide inspiration and guidance for the year ahead. This is often done by drawing a name from a hat or basket, or through other methods. The chosen Saint is then honored throughout the year through prayer, learning their story, and perhaps incorporating a special feast day.



### Pick your Patron Saint

Dec 31, 2025 - 6pm & 10:30pm Mass  
January 1, 2026 - 9am Mass

## St. Andrew Christmas Novena Begins November 30th - December 24th



*It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.*

### St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
[here mention your request]  
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



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Thank you to the Art & Environment Team and to all the volunteers for your time, talent and treasure for the beautiful Christmas decorations around St. Thomas More.

In addition, thank you to all who donated Christmas flowers and to the Taylor Family for donating 13 Christmas trees to decorate the courtyard during the Christmas Season. Your generous gifts have helped to



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GROUNDBREAKING — APRIL 25, 2026

## Epiphany Home Blessing with Chalk

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**Epiphany home blessing  
kit & Instructions  
will be available on  
January 3rd & 4th  
after all the Masses**

**STM SILENT RETREATS**  
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FAITH: TRUSTING IN THE GOD WHO WAITS FOR YOU!

**Women's Retreat: Jan 30– Feb 1, 2026**  
For more info contact: Maryhelen Rios  
714-402-1127 or sewingmh1@yahoo.com

**Men's Retreat: Feb 6-8, 2026**  
For more info contact: Mark Kreyche  
714-914-2689 or mgkreyche@gmail.com



## A Simple Way to Give Back this Christmas

Christmas is a season of hope, peace, joy and love, a perfect time to reflect on the blessings in your life and consider how you might share them with others. One meaningful way to do this is through eGiving.

eGiving is a simple, secure way to give online, making it easy to support our parish all year long. Please consider eGiving to support our parish and sustain ministries, programs, and services that strengthen our community and serve those in need every day.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Text "**SUNDAY**" to **949-919-5494**
- Scan QR Code

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



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## 100th Anniversary First Saturday Devotion

\* On December 10, 1925, Jesus and Mary appeared to Sr. Lucia of Fatima to ask for the First Saturday Devotion to obtain conversion and peace in the world.

\* On January 4, 2025, Cardinals Raymond Burke and Robert Sarah announced a global call to all the faithful to respond to this 100 year request.

Join us every  
First Saturday  
of each month at the  
8am Mass  
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## ST. THOMAS MORE MINISTRIES

### Liturgy Support

Altar Servers	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 627-7125
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Sacristans	Pam Ocampo	(9) 468-6704
Ushers	Frank Ornelas (9) 857-9044	Joe Martin (9) 385-3741

### Parish

Believe and Build Capital Campaign	Lisa VanDorpe	(7) 357-3080
Bulletin Editor	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Deacons	Tin Nguyen & Leonard Sun	(9) 551-8601
Facilities Manager	Ed Ferguson	(9) 551-8601
Hospitality/Donut Ministry	Fr. Thomas Tran	(9) 551-8601
Parish Business Manager	Mireya Moreno	(9) 551-8601
Parish Office Manager	Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Welcoming Committee	Vince Salico	(7) 389-7726

### Sacraments

Baptism Coordinator	Maggy Gall	(9) 551-8601
Confirmation	Mike Fahey	(9) 551-8602
First Communion	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
First Reconciliation	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)	Sonny & Marie Obillos	(9) 668-5201
Marriage Case Support	Contact office	(9) 551-8601
Marriage Encounter	Mike & Lisa Bergler	(9) 551-8601
Wedding Coordinator	Mary Jane Rin	(9) 551-8601

### Service

Bereavement	Rosie Muñoz	(9) 551-8601
Chinese Ministry	Deacon Leonard Sun	(7) 932-1689
Corazon	Norma Jean Womack	(9) 903-1472
Filipino Ministry	Mernie Empalmado	(9) 551-8601
Grief Share Ministry	K.C. Riley	(7) 875-8126
Hispanic Ministry	Victor Cota	(9) 400-7743
Homeless Lunch Ministry	Jessica Silva & Kim Lee	(9) 294-2875 (7) 293-8987
Knights of Columbus Council #13111	John Royston	(7) 743-9774
Respect Life	Chris Gonzales	(9) 551-8601
Safety Ministry	Franck Reynaud	(7) 906-7569
STM Veterans	Sgt. Bob Kohler	(9) 552-1895
St. Vincent de Paul	Rick Lamoreux	(9) 331-1020
Vietnamese Ministry	Huan Le	(7) 261-9893
Young Ladies Institute	Ann Johnson	(9) 374-1547

### Spiritual Development

Adult Faith Formation	Tara Reynaud, Denyse Gagnon, Mary Jane Rin	(7) 925-9992
Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Margaret Cunningham	(7) 552-8711
Christ Renews His Parish	Steve Hastert & Stacey Howmann	(7) 319-9947 (9) 939-0998
Cursillo	Susan Navarrete	(9) 345-9130
Devotional Life Committee	Julie Whiteside	(7) 615-7205
FOCUS	Steven Debolt & Emily Ambrosio	(9) 382-4324
Holy Spirit Prayer Team	John Moran	(7) 401-4728
Legion of Mary	Trisha Smith and Janeth Ostowari	(7) 473-3714 (9) 307-2716
Library	Romali Dsouza	(9) 551-8601
Life Teen – High School	Arlyn Pandes	(9) 551-8602
More Moms	Rosanna Iseri Novia	(9) 354-2547
Prayer Partners	Mary Cope	(7) 900-0632
Religious Education	Barbara Catiller	(9) 551-8029
Small Faith Communities	Denyse Gagnon	(7) 501-7848
Spanish Bible Study (Bible Focused Formation)	Teresa LeMire	(7) 832-1770
When Women Pray	Paula Hines	(7) 746-1802

If you are feeling called to serve in one or more of our ministries, please email: [serve@stmirvine.org](mailto:serve@stmirvine.org)



## STM WINTER Bible Studies!

### Registration is OPEN! Scan here



### Winter 2026 Course List

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	START DATES	FACILITATOR	GREAT STUDY GUIDES!
<b>Bible Basics!</b> 1 Session	A Brief Overview of the Catholic Bible. Recommended for new Bible Study participants!	One meeting! Monday, January 12 7pm to 8:30pm Multi-Purpose Room	John Thai	
<b>Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life</b> 10 Sessions	Ascension Press award winning Bible Study on the life of Jesus.	<b>Saturday, Jan-17</b> 9:30-11:00 AM Fireside Room	Mark Kreyche	
		<b>Monday, Jan-26</b> 7:00-8:30 PM MPR	Margaret Cunningham	
<b>Genesis</b> 8 Sessions	"In the Beginning" for Beginners! Come explore!	<b>Tuesday, Jan-20</b> 7:00-8:30 PM Fireside Room	John Thai	
<b>Romans</b> 8 Sessions	Catholic, Comprehensive and Simple way to understand the overarching theme of Book of Romans!	<b>Tuesday, Jan-20</b> 7:00-8:30 PM Room 3	Janice LaVelle	
		<b>Wednesday, Jan-21</b> 9:30-11:00 AM Multi-Purpose Room	Leianna Utick	
<b>El Evangelio de San Mateo</b>	Las extensas secciones de enseñanza de este evangelio fueron usadas para instruir a los cristianos de los siglos primeros de la Iglesia. Este estudio te enterará de nuevo de el Maestro Primero.	<b>Lunes, 26 de enero</b> 7:00 – 8:30 PM St. Nicolas Room	Victor Cota	
		<b>Miércoles, 21 de enero</b> 10:00-12:00 PM St. Nicolas Room	Teresa LeMire	

For more info, please visit [www.stmirvine.org/BFF](http://www.stmirvine.org/BFF)

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